

November 26, 2002

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Kevin Brannelly, Director
Rates and Revenue Requirements
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

RE: D.T.E. 02-77, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, 2003 Rate Change
Filing - Tariff Application

Dear Mr. Brannelly:

Enclosed please find Western Massachusetts Electric Company's request for a rate change pursuant to the terms of Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, as explained in the attached Letter of Explanation. This communication is the Transmittal Letter required by 220 CMR 5.03(1). Following is a chart listing the current tariffs and proposed new tariffs. The new tariffs are included in the attached filing.

<u>Rate Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Rate R-1 Residential (Non-Heating)	M.D.T.E. No. 1000H	M.D.T.E. No. 1000I
Rate R-2 Residential - Low Income (Non-Heating)	M.D.T.E. No. 1034C	M.D.T.E. No. 1034D
Rate R-3 Residential Space Heating	M.D.T.E. No. 1001H	M.D.T.E. No. 1001I
Rate R-4 Residential Space Heating - Low Income	M.D.T.E. No. 1035C	M.D.T.E. No. 1035D
Rate 23 Optional Controlled Water Heating	M.D.T.E. No. 1002H	M.D.T.E. No. 1002I
Rate 24 Optional Church	M.D.T.E. No. 1003H	M.D.T.E. No. 1003I
Rate G-0 Small General Service	M.D.T.E. No. 1004H	M.D.T.E. No. 1004I

Rate T-0 Small General Service TOU	M.D.T.E. No. 1005H	M.D.T.E. No. 1005I
Rate G-2 Primary General Service	M.D.T.E. No. 1006H	M.D.T.E. No. 1006I

<u>Rate Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Rate T-4 Primary General Service TOU	M.D.T.E. No. 1007H	M.D.T.E. No. 1007I
Rate T-2 Large Primary Service TOU	M.D.T.E. No. 1008H	M.D.T.E. No. 1008I
Rate S-1 Street/Security Lighting	M.D.T.E. No. 1009I	M.D.T.E. No. 1009J
Rate S-2 Partial Street Lighting Service	M.D.T.E. No. 1010I	M.D.T.E. No. 1010J
Rate I-1 Interruptible Service Menu	M.D.T.E. No. 1011H	M.D.T.E. No. 1011I
Rate I-3 Buy Back Interruptible Service Menu	M.D.T.E. No. 1012H	M.D.T.E. No. 1012I
Rate PR Standby and Supplemental Service for Partial Requirements General Service Customers	M.D.T.E. No. 1013H	M.D.T.E. No. 1013I

Please contact Stephen Klionsky (617/748-5140) or Don Bishop (617/748-5141) should you have any questions concerning the above.

Very truly yours,

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Vice President,
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Enclosures

cc: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary DTE
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